

MEETING MINUTES  
**NEWPORT COAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Location: Newport Coast Elementary School  
5:30 p.m., Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chairman Jim McGee convened the meeting at 5:47 p.m. The following persons were in attendance:
  - Committee members: Jim McGee (Chairman), Gerry Ross (Vice-Chairman), Al Willinger, Dan Wampole and Council Members Keith Curry and Richard Nichols.
  - Members of the public: Peer and Nancy Swan, Dolores Otting, Joe Bolich, and Ali Soleimany.
  - City staff: Dave Kiff (Assistant City Manager), Wes Morgan (Director of Recreation and Senior Services), Matt Lohr (Recreation and Sr. Services Dept).
2. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting(s).** The meeting minutes from the September 11, 2006 meeting were not adopted because Kiff had not completed them in time for the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.**
  - Council Member Nichols offered some comments about the car show that had been going on at Crystal Cove Promenade. At the time of this meeting, the show had been relocated.
  - Peer Swan asked the City to take a look at small piles of concrete or cement that had fallen from construction trucks on Vista Ridge.
  - Dan Wampole said that he was interested in seeing an OCTA route along Newport Coast Drive or San Joaquin Hills Road, in part to allow shopping center workers and domestic workers to access the community. Gerry Ross said that he had written a letter to OCTA, which was going to get back to him "soon." Keith Curry noted that, if Measure M passes at the ballot the next day, there was a possibility of a small bus or shuttle service coming up the hill from the Newport Beach Transportation Center.
4. **New Business**

There was no new business.
5. **Old Business**

Discussion Items:

- Newport Coast Community Center. Kiff showed the latest construction schedule for the Newport Coast Community Center. It is anticipated to be complete in August 2007, in time to be programmed with Recreation programs for Fall 2007. Kiff said that landscaping plans had been reviewed by the City and by the Irvine Company, to the apparent satisfaction of all parties.

McGee asked about the proposed branch library, and McGee and Willinger suggested again that the City send a letter or card to all Newport Coast residents asking for additional input about the library. Kiff said that he would prepare a draft letter for NCAC review that could be sent to the community, soliciting advice about whether or not a branch library is desired or needed, and, if so, how it could be funded.

- Fire Lanes - Update on Compliance Issues. Kiff said that the Fire Department had issued packets of information to each of the four (4) remaining HOAs that were not in compliance (of the 29 HOAs that are required to have fire lanes, 25 are properly designated) with fire lane designations and that the City was “waiting for these HOAs to respond back, but no one has to date.” Kiff reminded those present that the City expects compliance soon, and that the Fire Marshal had made several accommodations to reduce the perceived adverse impacts of compliance, including:
  - Driving fire trucks around cul-de-sac areas, where in many cases the NBFD has been able to add more parking back as a result of the drive;
  - Reducing the amount of new signage (by increasing distance between signs) or new poles associated with fire lane signs, often accommodating signs on existing light standards; and
  - Allowing painting of the backs of signs to reduce glare and to better match the signs with the neighborhood décor;

NCAC members continued to ask “if the City had found all the plans from the County (that require the Fire Lanes).” Kiff responded that, in some cases, plans were not detailed, but the development approvals said that the developments were subject to the Uniform Fire Code.

NCAC members expressed hope that the City Council might be able to help them waive or modify the fire lane requirements rather than direct that the four communities put them in today, several years after the communities were approved.

- Pelican Hill Road South Closure Permit. Kiff said that, at the City Council’s November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting, it would consider a request by the Irvine

Company to extend to September 2008 the closure of a portion of Pelican Hill Road South (near where the road meets Newport Coast Drive near the Marriott).

*NOTE: At the 11-14 meeting, the Council, upon a motion by Council Member Curry, authorized an extension of the road closure until May 2007.*

- Assessment District Review. Kiff discussed briefly the fact that Ms. Jennifer Branin of Branin Finance had completed the final report on the expenditure of Newport Coast assessment district funds. The report is on the City's website. NCAC members asked that the final report be submitted to legal counsel looking at the issue for the City, and Kiff said that he would do so, though Kiff noted that previous reviews of the information in draft final form showed nothing illegal about the expenditures.

**6. Issues/Action Items for Future Meetings.** The Committee suggested that Kiff place the following issues on the January 8, 2007 (or later) meeting agenda:

- Improvement concepts for the intersection of Newport Coast Drive and Pelican Hill Road (North).
- Landscaping Plan for the Newport Coast Community Center.
- Reservation Preference System for the Newport Coast Community Center.
- Landscaping possibilities between the Tollroad and the existing landscaping along Newport Coast Drive.
- Update on the Newport Coast Drive Monument Sign.
- Finance Subcommittee report back on Assessment District Relief.
- Fire Lane Update.

**7. Adjourn to Next Meeting.** The Committee adjourned at 6:53 p.m. and set its next regular meeting for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Newport Coast Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room.

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